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Re TIESTONE Baker Expedition

In the absence of TIRRAIRRA we took up our contact directly with [] , who has proven to be cooperative, particularly in advising us of info received via W/T, and of general operational material regarding past and pending expeditions.....

It has been known for some time that [] , due to his personal long-time friendship with both TIESTONE and TIRRAIRRA, was in a general way well acquainted with their activities. In order to utilize every available possibility of obtaining confirming info to clarify this case, TIEPSY was queried. It developed that [] was quite well informed and stated that he had seen the enclosed photographs etc....that he believes that the craft pictured was used on the first ~~attempt~~ attempt, and that the original TIESTONEIAN boat was not used for the second trip; that TIRRAIRRA and [] did not accompany the TIESTONEIAN to the area of embarkation.

...We are concerned as to why [] and TIRRAIRRA did not at once advise us of the sudden change in plans, regardless whether or not full details were known by them. If we assume they were acting under orders of the TIEBAPS, we must assume the TIEBAPS have been aware of our "back door" to the group. This is difficult to believe as it is highly improbable that the TIEBAPS would permit such a situation to continue.....

This development has had no apparent effect on our contact with [] and TIRRAIRRA as they are continuing to pass on info received from the target area and [] has promised to prepare for us a complete report of all operational info known to him....

Re TIESTONE Charlie, we recommend continuing support of the group if the ~~maximum~~ info received justifies support, as otherwise our position in obtaining the utmost in results is greatly reduced. This conclusion is predicated on our static relationship to [] who has given no indication of increasing his flow of info to us. He is being adamant as to allowing us any control or direct participation to the project though we have made a number of offers.

On 8 Aug. [] queried [] as to the status of the project. He said no tangible plans had been made for mounting another operation. He said their primary concern was not to get other persons into the area but to bring out one or more persons.... [] agreed we would be furnished copies of any reports rec'd from returning travellers. He said nothing of significance had been obtained yet, hence we had received nothing from them.... []

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